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PENDING CBI CASES
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CBI cases of corruption against officers pending in the courts as on date;

(b) the number out of them which is more then five years old;

(c) the reasons for their pending; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for their expeditions disposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTRY OF PLA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) As on 31.3.2003, 4441 cases of the Anti-Corruption Division of the CBI were pending trial in various Courts.

(b) Out of these, 2379 are more than five years old.

(c) Apart from the reasons behind the pendency of cases in Courts in general, the reasons for pendency of CBI cases are: shortage of Special Courts for trying cases forwarded and investigated by the CBI; shortage of Legal Officers for conducting prosecution; and the extant laws providing summary trial only for a limited category of cases.

(d) 28 Special Judge and 7 Magisterial Courts are already functioning exclusively for trying CBI cases in various States. Based on pendency figures, 12 Special Courts and 6 Magistrate Courts have been identified by the Central Government in 8 States and 1 Union Territory to exclusively handle the CBI cases. More than 280 Special Counsels have been appointed to conduct prosecution in the trial Courts. The 12th Finance Commission has been requested to provide upgradation grants to the State Governments for setting up new Special Courts.